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(Case Docket No. 21388)

Examiner: F. Vandervegt

For: **METHOD FOR THE IDENTIFICATION OF ANTIGENIC PEPTIDES**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT WITH RCE AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Dear Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment and RCE are in response to the Final Office Action mailed December 18, 2008, in connection with the above-identified application. Applicants timely filed an Amendment and Response to said final office action on February 18, 2009 (received by the USPTO on February 18, 2009), but have not yet received any response or advisory action from the Examiner, despite phone calls to the Examiner requesting same. Accordingly, Applicants hereby file this instant RCE, Amendment and Response and reiterate the remarks submitted in its timely filed Amendment and Response of February 18, 2009. Applicants respectfully request a three (3) month extension of time.

In response to the Final Office Action mailed December 18, 2008, Claims 1-15 and 17-27 stand pending. Please amend claims 1, 13, 14 and 27 as reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Accordingly, please amend the above-identified application as follows: